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Hosanna Lutheran Church Congregation
Council Meeting Minutes –
January 15, 2017

Present: Bill Schwertlich, Interim Pastor; Jon Evans, President; Kathy Burns, Finance Team; Shonna Harden, Discipleship; Betty Dove, Mission Focus/VP; Valerie Oden, Staff Support; Pam Wells, Spiritual Life; David Vroom, Lay Leadership; Pat Gibbons, Council Secretary; Jeff Hartmann, Stewardship

Absent: Sharon Lindquist, Care Team; Becky Wolf, Financial Secretary; Robert Brown, Treasurer

Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill

Quorum: Quorum declared present.

Meeting Call to Order: Jon Evans called Meeting to order at 11:45am in Hosanna Room 5. Jon Evans thanked all for their contributions to the 2016 Annual Report.

Approval of Minutes: A motion by David Vroom to accept the Minutes of November 6, 2016 Council Meeting was made and seconded by Valerie Oden. Council approved.

Proposal of Authorized check signers submitted. It was decided to amend it to match the authorized signer card for Amegy Bank that Becky Wolf had already prepared. Pam Wells motioned we amend the proposal to comply with authorized signer card recently prepared by Becky Wolf. David Vroom seconded the motion and the council approved.

President Jon noted that the exact timing of the next authorized signer list should be noted as each September after new council members are installed. It should also comply with the check signer policy.

Discussion on substitution for Godly Play. Shonna Harden indicated it was extremely difficult to get a substitute for Joyce Evans when she needs to take a Sunday off. We need to find an alternate.

Time & Talent Survey(God's Gifts). Jon indicated team leads need to contact volunteers to acknowledge we have their names, thank them & that we will schedule them as soon as their turn is up.

It may take time in some cases because we have so many volunteers.

Betty Dove mentioned that next time Bernie Brown needs volunteers for Sunday's when Blood Drive happens. She needs assistance with various tasks on those Sundays. Blood Drive needs to be added to survey next time.

Payment requests. President Jon mentioned that Becky Wolf should be kept in the loop with upcoming pay requests. Team Leaders need to watch for payment requests. If you are a team leader then the sign off must be one of the following: Jon Evans or Betty Dove or Robert Brown.

Finance update. Kelly Fontenot has volunteered to be Bookkeeper for Hosanna. Becky is training Kelly.

Call Committee update. First meeting held 1/14 in a.m.

- Icebreaker
- Reviewed what it means to be on the committee
- Questions were taken from Call Committee
- Mission site profiling will begin next meeting
- Look at all pastors leadership in the past and then look to what is wanted in the future
- Susan Greer is chairing since she is the only one who has prior Call Committee experience
- Next meeting scheduled for January 31, 2017 at 6pm
 - More detail on Mission site profile

- Gather info on minds of congregation
- Communication between Call Committee and congregation is “key”
- Council liaison – Pastor Bill can serve this purpose, council members could also attend meetings to stay in tune and show support to Call Committee
- Council reps would not attend once there is a slate of candidates
- Question for Pastor Blair Lundborg – Do alternates stay in during the process of slate of candidates?

New Business.

- Valerie Oden – an approximate \$2,000 overpayment on a email that didn’t get changed over. An apparent verbal communication issue. Gretchen working to resolve with company.
- An issue regarding volunteers not showing up when assigned for Sunday assignments was brought to Valerie’s attention. Pam Wells indicated she will handle.
- David Vroom volunteered to open church/educational wing door Sunday mornings.
- Assisting Minister can also be a book bearer.
- Spiritual Life will resolve and Pam with Betty will work on training sessions.
- Next council meeting will be towards the end of Feb. Jon will send out a date and determine what works best with council schedules.
- Synod Assembly discussed – Pastor Bill, Jeff Hartman, perhaps “Becky Wolf” as she may be interested. Low costs this year because it is in Houston. Discuss Again February, 2017 council meeting.
- Pastor Bill will be attending Tri-Synodical conference in Austin from Jan 23rd-25th.
- Pastor Bill indicated the 2016 Annual Report should be sent to the Texas Gulf Coast synod. President Jon indicated he would inform Gretchen to do this.

Demo of Google drive use by Jon, and Jeff’s technical assistance.

- Documentation provided
 - Purpose is long term preservation
 - Share documents with each other
 - Use for your own teams
 - Help us maintain unified mission
- Network userid & password provided for Hosanna internet access.
- Go to folder on Google drive – folder = Hosanna Council.

Adjourned meeting at 1:15pm with motion by David Vroom and second by Valerie Oden. Approved by council.

Council prayed the Lord’s Prayer together.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Gibbons, Council Secretary